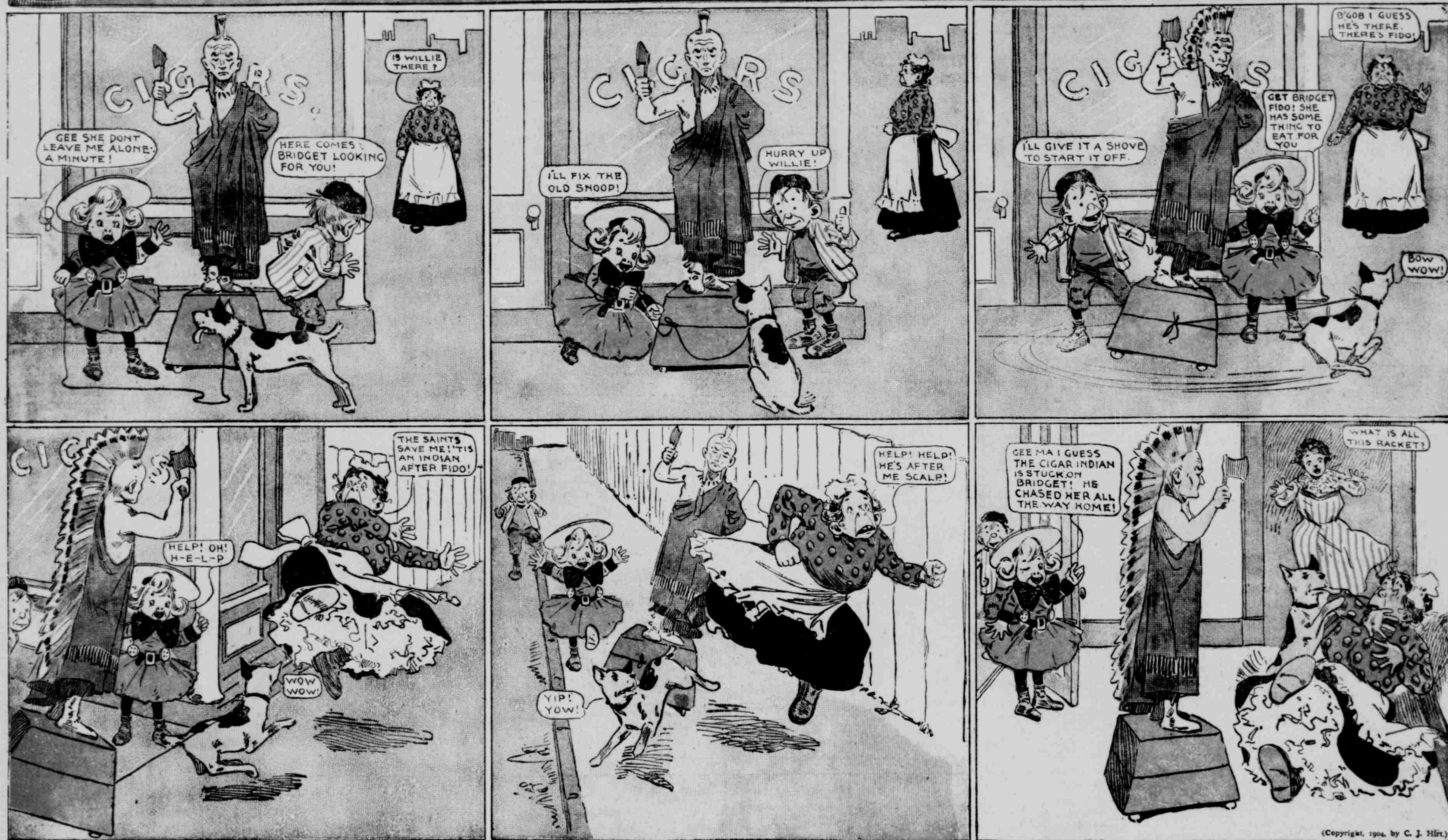


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BINNACLE JIM'S BIG WHALE STORY.



1. Talkin' o' whales, Bill an' me had a advenchur onct off Africky that proved to me that ere Jonah an' whale story was founded on facts. We had been out nine months 'thout tasin' fresh meat, an' when we got parallel t' Zanzabar, we rigged it up t' skoot in th' dory. Well, sir, just as we cut loose an' 'us bein' took off by th' tide, that ere Capt'in Soakem sighted us.

2. We knew the jig 'us up then an' made friendly signals to th' ship an' th' capt'in answered by trainin' his six-pounder on us, but t' make matters more interestin' just then th' biggest whale you ever saw riz by th' boat's side an' commenced t' blow.

3. Th' capt'in let that ere gun go an' th' shot struck us at th' water line an' blowed us out o' th' water as high, Bill says, as th' crow's nest, an' when we starts below, what 'us waitin' but that whale a-smilin' like an old maid with a new set o' false teeth.



4. I never see sich an open countenance afore, an' thar bein' no chance to sheer off, we all dropped in 'thout knockin', all except th' parrot, an' he did, too, 'cause Davy Jones, th' ape, was hangin' onto this tail and brang him along.



5. It's unnecessary to say 'at we 'us swallowed alive an' soon found ourselves below in as snug a hold as you'd care to stow away in. We lit th' glim I'd hung onto an' 'us comfortable enough fer a time, but just as Bill an' me 'us matchin' to see which o' us was th' Jonah, there 'us a terrible commotion an' racket on deck.



6. Well, sir, that hammerin' kept up till all o' a sudden daylight broke through an' who does we see but old Capt'in Soakem hisself an' th' crew choppin' up blubber. You know th' rest, sonny, 'cause I've described about everything in th' way o' punishment 'at 'us comin' t' a seafarin' man. I only want t' add 'at Bill an' me had proved 'at ere whale an' Jonah story t' be gospel.